

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow Makes Suggestions in His Annual Report.

LOOKOUT TOWERS IN POST OFFICES.

There Were Over 15,000 Appointments of Postmasters Made During the Past Fiscal Year.

On June 30 There Were 70,088 Post Offices, as Follows: First Class, 194; Second, 852; Third, 3,187; Fourth, 72,455.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General John L. Bristow in his annual report recommends an addition to the interstate commerce law prohibiting telegraph and express companies or their employees from aiding or abetting in the green goods or lottery swindles or any other scheme carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier and in violation of the postal laws. Other recommendations urged are as follows:

Authorizing post office inspectors to take out search warrants whenever necessary.

Payment of incidental expenses incurred by local officers or others in the arrest, detention and keeping of prisoners violating postal laws until transferred to the United States marshal's custody.

Number of Postmasters Appointed.

Construction of inspectors' lookout towers in post offices whenever deemed necessary by the postmaster general, and prohibition of loose pouching of circulars, calendars, etc., owing to small pieces of mail matter frequently slipping into large unsealed envelopes in transit.

There were 15,142 appointments of postmasters made during the past fiscal year, 14,435 being of the fourth class and 707 being presidential, an increase of 538 in all over last year. There also has been an increase in the number of resignations, especially of the fourth-class postmasters. Fewer removals for irregularities were made than last year.

Corporation Post Offices.

A vigorous effort has been made to suppress post offices conducted throughout the country for the sole benefit of some corporation, nursery company, patent medicine firm or other institution whose operations deprive the government of its legitimate revenues. The company or corporation usually has some one connected with it appointed postmaster, and thus gets the advantage of the cancellations or the salary and allowances of the postmaster. These institutions sometimes have derived thousands of dollars of revenue from the government which virtually amounted to a commission or discount on their postal business.

Resignations and Deaths.

There were 47 resignations and 45 deaths of presidential postmasters, and 919 deaths and 8,013 resignations of fourth-class postmasters. On June 30, last, the number of post offices was 76,688, as follows: First class, 194; second, 852; third, 3,187; fourth, 72,455.

The total number of arrests during the fiscal year for offenses against the postal laws was 1,526, including 119 postmasters, 29 assistant postmasters and 144 post office clerks, carriers and other postal employees. Of the total number arrested, 526 were convicted.

DEATH RELIEVED HER.

Mrs. Frances Milford, who was forced to drink carbolic acid by her stepbrother, is dead.

Easton, Pa., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Frances Milford, whom Nelson Skinner, of Middletown, N. Y., attempted to murder in Easton early Thursday morning by forcing carbolic acid down her throat, died Sunday. Shortly before her death she asked the hospital authorities to notify Thomas A. Dugan, of Auburn, N. Y. After forcing Mrs. Milford to swallow carbolic acid, Skinner drank a quantity of the acid and died shortly afterward. Skinner was Mrs. Milford's stepbrother.

Turco-German Difficulty.

Constantinople, Nov. 26.—A difficulty has arisen between Germany and Turkey. The Ottoman government objects to Germany using Far San Island, in the Red sea, as a coaling station, and wishes to establish there a Turkish depot accessible to all the powers. Germany, however, insists that she will not abandon the island.

Will Fight a Duel.

Havana, Nov. 26.—It is said that Gen. Rodriguez, mayor of Havana, has challenged Senor San Miguel, editor of La Lucha, to fight a duel in consequence of an alleged libelous article attacking the integrity of the mayor's office.

British Steamer Stranded.

Lewes, Del., Nov. 26.—The British steamer Margaret Jones, Capt. Thomas, in ballast from Malta for Delaware Breakwater for orders, stranded at 3 o'clock Sunday morning directly opposite the Isle of Wight life saving station, near Ocean City, Md.

Killed a Girl.

Lincoln, Ill., Nov. 26.—Earl Brackett, aged 14, shot in the brain and almost instantly killed Leona Matheson, aged 11. He did not know a rifle he was examining was loaded.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT.

E. C. Brandenburg, in Charge of Matters, Makes His Annual Report on Its Operation.

Washington, Nov. 26.—E. C. Brandenburg, in charge of bankruptcy matters, has made a report to the attorney general on the operation of the bankruptcy act of July 1, 1898. The report says, with reference to voluntary cases, that advantage is being taken of the law by men of all classes and in all walks of life, and in every section of the country.

The states showing the greatest number of petitions filed during the year are Illinois, with 3,008; New York, 3,007; Iowa, 992; Ohio, 857; Minnesota, 845; and Pennsylvania, 809.

Grand Total of Petitions.

The smallest number of voluntary petitions were filed in the following states: Nevada, 6; Delaware and Wyoming, 12 each; Idaho, 30; South Carolina, 37; Oklahoma, 39; Florida, 67; and Rhode Island, 69.

The grand total of petitions filed in the United States for the period ending September 30, 1900, is 20,128, exclusive of those for the western district of Louisiana, the district of Alaska and for half of the year for the southern district of Georgia, New Jersey, the eastern district of North Carolina, the western district of Tennessee and the eastern district of Virginia, from which semi-annual reports were not received.

Number of Cases Adjudicated.

From the clerks' reports it appears that, of the voluntary petitions, all were adjudicated bankrupt except 237, in which the petitions were dismissed, and that discharges were refused in 71 cases. Compositions were confirmed in 206 cases.

The liabilities in 10,140 voluntary cases reported by the referees amounted to \$294,979,152, while the total amount of assets scheduled in these cases was \$33,098,771.

PASSED A QUIET DAY.

The Czar Sleeps Well, and His General Condition and Strength Are Satisfactory.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—The following bulletin was issued Monday morning at Livadia:

"The czar passed a quiet day Sunday. At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon his temperature rose to 103.4. The pulse was 88.

"At 9 o'clock in the evening the temperature was 102.2 and the pulse 89.

"His majesty slept well during the night. Monday morning his general condition and strength were satisfactory. Temperature 99.5; pulse 75. No complications whatever have been observed."

His Condition Is Critical.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—The following special dispatch, dated St. Petersburg, November 25, 3:49 a. m., has been received here:

"It is persistently rumored in St. Petersburg that the condition of Emperor Nicholas is critical. Well informed people here declare that the disease has made far greater progress than the czar's physicians have publicly admitted. A fatal issue is now gravely feared."

BODIES IN THE SNOW.

It Is Thought 26 Passengers of the Wrecked Steamer St. Olaf Died From Cold and Starvation.

Quebec, Nov. 26.—The searching party which left Seven islands on Saturday afternoon to rescue any of the passengers or crew of the wrecked steamer St. Olaf who might have reached land returned Sunday evening. They report having found only one body, that of Miss Page, buried in the snow and ice. The general opinion among seafaring men is that the disaster occurred during the night of Wednesday last, as Miss Page was attired in night robes, and that 26 passengers succeeded in landing only to die from cold and starvation on Boule Island, and that their bodies will be found under snow, which is three feet deep there. Another party of searchers went out Monday to look for bodies in the snow.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

Lieut. Solon Arnold, Who Disappeared Last Thursday, Found in Seattle, Stripped and Robbed.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 26.—The mystery as to the whereabouts of Lieut. Solon Arnold, U. S. N., who was sent from Port Orchard last Thursday to inspect government goods at Tacoma, has been solved. He was found in this city Sunday night. His mind is badly jarred, temporarily at least. The fact that he was clad in rough clothes, had bruises on his head and had been stripped and robbed of his valuables gives rise to the theory that he fell into the hands of thieves.

Secretary Root's Home-Coming.

St. Augustine, Fla., Nov. 26.—The steamer Kanawha, with Secretary of War Root and Gov. Gen. Wood, of Cuba, lay off this port all day, expecting to cross the bar Sunday evening, but had to give up and set sail for Jacksonville, whence Secretary Root will go by rail to Washington. Gov. Gen. Wood will join Mrs. Wood and the children here and leave for Havana with them Monday.

Pope's Death Near.

New York, Nov. 26.—A Rome cable to the Journal says: In spite of all denials, official and otherwise, it was certain Sunday that the life of Leo XIII. hangs literally by a single thread, and that his death may be expected at any moment.

A FINAL MEETING.

The Diplomatic Body Has Agreed Upon the Basis of the Preliminary Treaty.

THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT SECRET.

Approval of the Respective Governments Must Be Secured Before Negotiations Begin With China.

Punishment of Guilty, Indemnity, Retention of Legation Guards and Occupation of Certain Territory Will Be Required.

Peking, Saturday, Nov. 24.—The diplomatic body held a final meeting this morning and agreed upon the terms of the preliminary treaty.

Nothing now remains except to secure the approval of the respective governments before definite negotiations with the Chinese peace commissioners are begun. The precise terms of the settlement have not yet been made public here, but it is believed outside the diplomatic corps that the main points are in substantial agreement with those contained in the French note to the powers, namely: punishment for the guilty, indemnity to governments and individuals, retention of strong legation guards and the occupation of certain places between Peking and Taku.

Bandits Dispersed By Americans.

A party of American cavalry went Saturday to disperse a band of bandits in a village 16 miles from Peking. The village was found strongly fortified, but the Americans attacked and captured it, killing seven Chinese.

A secret edict from Sian Fu to the provincial viceroys and governors orders them to cease the manufacture of modern arms and to revert to the

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old type of weapons, because modern arms "have proved utterly useless against the foreigners."

RUSSIA'S DECISION.

The Railway Line Will Be Held Until the Troops Are Withdrawn From Chi Li Province.

London, Nov. 26.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Peking Sunday, confirms the report of Russia's decision to retain the railway until her troops are withdrawn from the province of Chi Li. "This change," he says, "is coincident with the arrival of Prince Ukhtomsky, whose mission avowedly concerns the railway. The Chinese believe Russia's assurance that she is retaining the line in their interest."

German Expeditions.

"The German expedition to Krgan is encountering no opposition. The other expeditions which Count von Waldersee has dispatched to harass the neighborhood of Peking are mainly expeditions in search of loot. They are incorrectly directed by the Germans as important military operations."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times telegraphs that advices from Peking say that the United States has refused to join in the demand for the execution of the princes and other high officials.

The Request Denied.

London, Nov. 26.—"We understand," says the Daily Express, "that Lord Roberts recently requested the government to send 20,000 regulars to South Africa to relieve the same number still in the field, but that his request was declined on the score of expense."

Died of Typhoid Fever.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—George Scott, of the dry good firms of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., died Sunday night of typhoid fever. Mr. Scott was 71 years of age.

Prof. Oliver Dies Suddenly.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 26.—Marshall Oliver, a professor in the navy, residing at the naval academy, died very suddenly late Sunday afternoon of apoplexy.

KRUGER'S SUNDAY IN PARIS.

He, With His Family, Observed the Sabbath in Accordance With the Customs of His Fatherland.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Mr. Kruger passed Sunday with his family at the Hotel Scribe, observing the Sabbath in accordance with the customs of his fatherland. His apartments were closed to visitors, and he remained with them, indulging himself in perfect rest.

Although the boulevards were alive to a late hour Saturday night with merry-makers and singing songs the Hotel Scribe was cordoned and the revellers did not disturb his rest.

Held Private Services.

Sunday morning found him quite recovered from the fatigue. After an early breakfast he conferred with Dr. Leyds. There being no church of his own denomination in Paris, he held a private service in his apartments, surrounded by his entourage. Mr. Kruger read a portion of Scripture, and a member of his suite read a sermon prepared in advance. The Boer statesman expressed a desire to have an organ to assist the singing, but this could not be obtained.

Cheers For Mr. Kruger.

At an early hour free circulation was resumed in the streets about the hotel where only guardians, two policemen, stood on either side of the principal entrance. The number of passers-by was not greater than the ordinary Sunday crowd. Toward 3 p. m., however, pedestrians increased and along the boulevard came 100 shouting and singing boys. Their advent increased the enthusiasm, which was rapidly worked up, and the streets began to fill. Cheers for Mr. Kruger began and the police immediately established a cordon about the hotel. Several companies of republican guards quickly arrived.

Responded to Cries and Plaudits.

Responding to cries and plaudits, Mr. Kruger came for a moment upon the balcony, accompanied by his

QUARRELED OVER A WOMAN.

A Minneapolis Newspaper Man Stabs to Death a Young Millionaire Society Man.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 26.—Frank H. Hamilton, a Minneapolis newspaper man, is a prisoner at the Central police station, with the charge of murder against him as the result of the stabbing to death of Leonard Day, a young millionaire society man of this city, at the West hotel, early Sunday morning. Hamilton, who has been in the custody of detectives since the tragedy, was not formally placed under arrest until late Sunday afternoon, when the coroner's jury returned a verdict holding him responsible for the death of young Day.

Tragedy in a Billiard Room.

The tragedy took place in the billiard room at the West hotel at 9 o'clock in the morning, after a quarrel over a woman participated in by Hamilton, Day and a number of other prominent men. All had been drinking to a considerable extent. During the fight Fred George, a society leader, was badly cut in the right hand.

George and Day were, in company with C. S. Force, another society notable, playing pool, when Hamilton and a few of his friends entered. An effort was made to separate them by several of the bystanders, and for a few moments quiet was restored. Then the trouble broke out anew and ended only when Day lay dying on the floor.

MURDER MYSTERY.

Skeleton of a Young Girl Found in a Well on the Brunot Farm. Near Pana, Ill.

Pana, Ill., Nov. 26.—Much excitement was occasioned in this vicinity Sunday by a report that the skeleton of a young girl, presumably 12 or 13 years of age, had been found in a well on the Brunot farm four miles north of here. In April of last year the dead body of Jane Brunot was found in this same well. Mrs. Brunot was murdered by two of her nephews who are now serving life sentences in the Chester penitentiary.

Sunday the work of cleaning the well out was commenced and at the bottom was found the almost perfect skeleton of a young girl. A bracelet badly water-soaked was found, as was also a comb and a key. The deepest mystery surrounds the gruesome find, but it is believed the two young men now serving life sentences may be able to throw some light on the case and an effort will be made to have them confess.

It is believed that the skeleton found is that of a young girl who disappeared from her home in Indiana two years ago during the visit of Mrs. Brunot's two nephews to that state.

Commissioner Wilson Critically Ill.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The condition of Hon. George W. Wilson, commissioner of internal revenue, was very critical Sunday night. He was weaker than on Saturday, but still retains consciousness. Mrs. Wilson, who was absent from the city when the commissioner was stricken, has returned to the city with her daughter, Miss Pardonier.

To Build Railroads.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—Private dispatches received here say that companies have been organized at Kieff, with the participation of British capital, to build railroads from Bransko and Czernizoff to Kieff and from Kieff to Zlobin.

Dynamiter Sentenced.

Waterloo, Ia., Nov. 26.—Jerome W. Hoot, the convicted dynamiter, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at Alamosa. He tried to kill his wife with an infernal machine.

THE MARKETS.

Flour and Grain.

Cincinnati, Nov. 24.—Flour—Spring patent, \$3.90@4.30; fancy, \$3.40@3.60; family, \$3.25@3.45; winter fancy, \$3.25@3.45; family, \$2.75@3.10; patent, \$3.80@4.10; extra, \$2.10@2.30; low grade, \$1.80@2.00; northwestern rye, \$2.90@3.10. Wheat—No. 2 red nominal at 75c on track. Corn—Sales: No. 2 yellow, track, at 37c; No. 2 mixed, track, at 37c. Oats—Sales: No. 2 mixed, track, at 23c.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Wheat—December, 70c@70c; January, 71c@71c. Corn—November, 44c; December, 35c; January, 35c; May, 36c. Oats—November, 21c; December, 21c; May, 24c.

Live Stock.

Cincinnati, Nov. 24.—Hogs—Select shippers, \$4.95; select butchers, \$4.90@4.95; fair to good packers, \$4.80@4.90; fair to good light, \$4.75@4.85. Cattle—Fair to good shippers, \$4.25@4.45; good to choice butchers, \$4.15@4.45; fair to medium butchers, \$3.90@4.15. Sheep—Extras, \$3.35@3.50; good to choice, \$2.50@3.25. Lambs—Extras, \$4.50@4.65; a few at \$4.75; good to choice, \$4.40. Veal Calves—Fair to good light, \$5.50@6.25; common and large, \$5.50@5.50.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 24.—Cattle—Prime steers, \$4.50@5.60; medium good, \$3.65@4.40; fair to choice, \$3.50@4.40; stockers, \$2.50@3.90. Hogs—Good to choice medium heavy, \$4.90@5.00; mixed heavy packing, \$4.80@4.90; choice light weights, \$4.85@4.90. Sheep—Choice, \$3.25@3.50; common, \$2.25@3.00. Lambs—Choice, \$4.40@4.85; common, \$3.40@4.25.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Cattle—Dull and weak, with a light trade; calves, good to choice, \$6.50@7.00. Lambs—Choice to extra, \$5.10@5.25. Sheep—Choice to extra, \$3.60@3.75. Hogs—Best heavy, \$5.00@5.10; pigs, \$4.90@4.95.



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From Louisville, 10:00 a. m.

From Cincinnati, 11:00 a. m.

From St. Louis, 12:00 p. m.

From Memphis, 1:00 p. m.

From New Orleans, 2:00 p. m.

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